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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inagaki (US Patent 6344025).

Inagaki discloses a sphygmomanometer comprising a body portion with an arm band configured to surround a patient's upper arm (element 10), and a remote control unit that allows remote control of the sphygmomanometer body (element 20), wherein the remote includes an operating portion that may be detachably mounted on a holding portion of the sphygmomanometer body (element 31) and a display portion for displaying a measurement result (element 21), and the control unit communicates with the sphygmomanometer body via wireless communications, whether or not it is stored in the holding position (column 4, lines 40-45). The device may be positioned upon a user such that the user may see the display portion during measurements.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claim 3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inagaki in view of Henkin (US Patent 6251080).

Regarding claim 3, Inagaki discloses a sphygmomanometer comprising a body portion with an arm band configured to surround a patient's upper arm (element 10),

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and a remote control unit that allows remote control of the sphygmomanometer body (element 20), wherein the remote includes an operating portion that may be detachably mounted on a holding portion of the sphygmomanometer body (element 31) and a display portion for displaying a measurement result (element 21), and the control unit communicates with the sphygmomanometer body via wireless communications, whether or not it is stored in the holding position (column 4, lines 40-45). Inagaki further discloses that the body portion may comprise wireless communications for communicating with the remote unit (element 35) and an operating portion for operating the body unit (column 3, lines 59-61), where the body unit operates in response to a signal sent by the remote control unit (elements 21, 22). Inagaki does not disclose the body portion comprising a display portion for displaying a measurement result, and a storage portion for storing data such as patient information data, date information, and blood pressure value trend information, where the remote control unit outputs an operation signal to the body portion, and the body portion generates the stored data in response to the operation signal and outputs the information to the remote control unit.

Henkin teaches a sphygmomanometer comprising a body portion (element 18) and a remote control unit (elements 48, 49), where the body portion comprises a display portion (elements 44, 102) for displaying patient data and storage for storing data (elements 64) such as patient identification, date, and blood pressure value trending (column 7, lines 27-64; column 9, lines 14-64), and that the data collected and stored in the body unit may also be transmitted to the redundant unit (column 8 line 40 to column 9 line 13), in order to allow a patient or caregiver to choose the most convenient

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configuration for collecting and observing data. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the system of Inagaki with additional display and storage capabilities in the body unit, as taught by Henkin, in order to allow a patient or caregiver to choose the most convenient configuration for system operation.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the invention of claim 2, including, *inter-alia*, a sphygmomanometer with a body portion having an arm band and a display, and a remote control unit that may be mounted on the body portion and, when not mounted, communicates wirelessly with the body portion, where the remote control unit has a display, a storage portion for storing identification information about subjects being measured, sphygmomanometry date information, and blood pressure value trend information for each measurement, and a communication portion that acquires the information for display by the display portion.

Inagaki teaches a similar device, but does not disclose the remote control portion storing information such as subject identification data, date information, or blood pressure value trend information.

Tseng (US Patent 6506162) discloses a sphygmomanometer with a removable memory unit for storing patient data. Tseng does not disclose the removable unit being configured to control the device, nor being capable of wireless communication.

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the invention of claim 5, including, *inter-alia*, a sphygmomanometer with a body portion having an arm band and a display, a remote control unit with a display and that can be mounted on the body portion and, when not mounted, communicates wirelessly with the body portion, and a holding unit that holds the body portion and can adjust the positioning of the body portion to take measurements in a desired location.

Ogura (US Patent 5649536) discloses a sphygmomanometer with a body portion and a holding unit (figure 1), but does not disclose the body portion communicating with a remote control unit.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent 5687732 to Inagaki, which discloses similar inventions.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAREN E. TOTH whose telephone number is (571)272-6824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II can be reached on 571-272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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